

Message

From: Lara, Rhina [Lara.Rhina@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/6/2021 6:00:33 PM
To: Nguyen, Thuy [Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR OPP IO REVIEW: PFAS Desk Statement re: FDA's PFAS Letter to Industry; DDL: ASAP

Hi Thuy,

Thanks!!

Yes, I reached out to Carissa to tell her **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** She sent back a modified statement to make the sentence clearer.

Best,
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From: Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR OPP IO REVIEW: PFAS Desk Statement re: FDA's PFAS Letter to Industry; DDL: ASAP

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thuy

From: Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
Cc: Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>; Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>; Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR OPP IO REVIEW: PFAS Desk Statement re: FDA's PFAS Letter to Industry; DDL: ASAP

See one minor suggested change highlighted below in yellow. Thanks. All my best, Arnold

***Yestersday is the Past.
Tomorrow is the Future.
Today is a Gift...that's why it's called the Present!***

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From: Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>
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Subject: FOR OPP IO REVIEW: PFAS Desk Statement re: FDA's PFAS Letter to Industry; DDL: ASAP
Importance: High

Hello, Arnold,

OPA has started receiving inquiries regarding PFAS and FDA's release of the FDA In Brief titled *FDA Reminds Industry of Specific Regulations for the Use of Fluorinated Polyethylene in Food Contact Containers*, and has asked for an updated desk statement. OPA needs the statement today.

Can you please review and provide any comments/edits ASAP? Cheryl will need to clear OCSPP IO. Thank you!

Desk Statement

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:56 AM

To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>

Cc: Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Where are we on dusting off this statement? OPA asking.

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:59 AM

To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Cc: Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

In checking with Kimberly and Thuy, an ACB chemist did have communication with FDA chemists recently, but only regarding analytical techniques and methods. No one was contacted or involved with the below.

I'll check on the statement.

From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 6:22 AM

To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

Cc: Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Sorry for another email. We should be prepared to respond quickly to where we are in our investigation so lets dust off that statement and make sure it's up to date. Thanks.

From: Dunton, Cheryl

Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 6:21 AM

To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Ok thanks, let me know what you find out. I've flagged for the OCSPP IO and OPA.

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:02 PM

To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Cc: Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

I've already sent a note to Kimberly and Thuy to find out more. I'm thinking it was Thuy because she mentioned in the OPP General yesterday with Michal that she has a friend over there that gave feedback on the our methods.

From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:57 PM

To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Her email indicates the worked w/ EPA SMEs on this. Do you know who?

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:45 PM
To: DiFonzo, Kimberly <Kimberly.DiFonzo@fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rabin, Tara G. <Tara.Rabin@fda.hhs.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Hi Kim,

Many thanks for sending this heads-up. I'm cc'ing Cheryl Dunton, our Communications Director and Hans Scheifele, Communications Branch Chief as well so we can give our press office a heads-up as well.

Thank you,

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From: DiFonzo, Kimberly <Kimberly.DiFonzo@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Subject: FDA in Brief: PFAS Letter to Industry

Hello Shamus – I work with Tara Rabin in the FDA Office of Media Affairs. We wanted to let you know that tomorrow afternoon, the FDA will be issuing the attached FDA In Brief (FIB), titled *FDA Reminds Industry of Specific Regulations for the Use of Fluorinated Polyethylene in Food Contact Containers*. The FIB mentions the EPA in the third bullet. We know that the SMEs from FDA and EPA have been in touch, but we just wanted to flag this for you as well. The FIB will post here: [FDA Newsroom | FDA](#).

Thank you,

Kim

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